

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract of the Disclosure with the following rewritten Abstract which appears on a separate sheet in the Appendix.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 22, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The second polishing slurry may contain a variety of additives such as a dispersing agent[[.]], a buffer agent and a viscosity modifier, which are in wide use as common additives to the polishing slurry, provided that it does not affect adversely the properties of the slurry. Further, with the same purpose as that for the first polishing slurry, an organic acid such as a carboxylic acid or an amino acid may be contained therein.--